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*Know while I live, no rich or noble Knave,
Shall walk the World in credit to his Grave.*

POPE.

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Boston, March 21, 1772.

THERE being two paragraphs in *Edes and Gill's* paper of the 16th instant, vilifying those hand-bills introduced into Town-Meeting, which were not nor could possibly be meant to affront that Assembly, being pointed only at the clandestine proceedings of a tenacious Old Hypocrite whose pretensions to patriotism, honour, and honesty are all a meer bubble ; admitting only those charges which have been demonstrated, his arrogance must forever be despised, although he most profanely swears that " he has got the whole Town and Country on his side and " defies all nature to controul him."

The account *M-----x* exhibited to the Publick, in which was mentioned loss of money lent *Mewse* is not only in general thought to be a glaring imposition, but in that particular down-right knavery, as it touches the Referees in that case, who were absolute judges in equity, and undoubtedly Gentlemen of the strictest integrity. Sure Mr. *Goldthwait* was mistaken if he said in Town-Meeting, " That *M-----x's* " whole dealing with *Mewse* appeared fair and upright before the " Referees ;"

"Referees;" if this had been fact, (though I perceive by Mr. *Dra- per's* paper of Thursday last, Mr. *Goldthwait* denies what was reported to be said by him in Town-Meeting, relative to the whole of *M-----x's* dealings being honest) how came the evidence brought in by *M-----x* to appear perjured in the presence of them all if his proceedings were so fair and upright? And what occasioned those deductions from his demands if they were thought legal? One proof that *Mewse* has still a just demand on *M-----x* is, that the latter has been with one of the Bondsmen, and offered to make good some of the stock which he acknowledged to have broke in upon while under attachment; but it being so very insignificant and far from what was awarded, that if he was a man of any remorse he would not have dared to have made such a mean proposal: However, it was rejected, as no less than the whole will ever be accepted, and that if not paid immediately will be sued for without further ceremony.

Great part of the abovementioned hand-bill hath been proved to be true, and the Author stands ready to make every syllable of it appear so. Shall we invite whole families from their native places and suffer them to be treated with the greatest inhumanity and not endeavour to see them righted? Let us give halters and coronets where they are merited, which will make our country flourish as it ought to do.

T. M.

From the Boston Gazette, March 16, 1772.

THE hand-bills which were so *industriously* distributed on Tuesday last at Faneuil-Hall, and gave so great offence to the Town legally assembled there, were printed by one *Ezekiel Russell*, and were evidently intended to prejudice the character of a worthy Citizen and Merchant, Mr. WILLIAM MOLINEUX. This Gentleman had undertaken to carry into execution a very salutary vote passed by the Town in 1769, for the purpose of employing the poor, which he conducted with the greatest perseverance and fidelity, and accordingly received the unanimous thanks of the Town, in a very full Meeting. The principal design of the Publisher of the hand-bills which were expressed in the most *indecent* and *Billingsgate* language, appeared to be to insinuate into the minds of the unwary Reader, that Mr. *Molineux* had dealt *unjustly* with one *Thomas Mewse*, a person whom he had employed in carrying on the Woolen Manufacture in pursuance of the vote of the Town. But the matter of difference between Mr. Molineux

Molineux and Mr. Mewse having long before been settled by arbitration, and EZEKIEL GOLDTHWAIT, Esq; one of the Gentlemen to whom it had been submitted by the parties being present in the Meeting, and declaring that it was the unanimous opinion of the Referees *that Mr. Molineux's whole dealing with Mr. Mewse was fair and upright*, the Town thought it proper to vindicate the character of a Fellow Citizen so foully aspersed, and voted unanimously that the handbills contained scandalous and unjust reflections on Mr. Molineux, and that the introduction of them into the Meeting was a high affront.

✂ *THE* very delicate and liberal PRINTERS of the Boston Gazette, have in their last collection of scandal, obliquely charged the Publisher of the CENSOR with an evident intention "to prejudice the character of a WORTHY Citizen and Merchant:" He takes this opportunity publicly to declare, notwithstanding the groundless assertions of Edes and Gill to the contrary, that he was solely influenced by humanity and a regard to injured innocence in giving the complaints of Mr. M---E to the Publick; the injured have surely a claim to be heard; and all the clamour of the Patriot, assisted by his bullying Brethren, will never hush the voice of truth, or prevent the fair and just charges of an injured Man from operating to the final confusion of his bectoring Persecutor.—A Gentleman attentive to his honour and interest would chuse to controvert the articles exhibited against him by a candid reply; if he could redeem his character by such a reply: Rather than by assuming airs of importance, and endeavouring to intimidate a Printer, steal from well merited infamy. I would ask the Printers of the Boston Gazette, whether they have always looked upon themselves as personally answerable for every dirty composition with which their Press has so repeatedly groaned? The resentment of the greatest, wisest, and best of men must then assuredly be their portion, who not content to assassinate the most immaculate living characters, have ransacked the graves; and gibbeted the harmless dead to gratify their insatiable lust of scandal.

From the Massachusetts Gazette, March 19, 1772.

Mr. DRAPER,

WE find in the Boston Gazette of March 16th instant, the following sentence, — "The matter of difference between Mr. Molineux

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A FRIEND to TRUTH.

* Molineux by agreement was to charge Mewse at the first cost with ten per cent for every supply.